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Honorable Elvis J. Stahr, Jr.
Secretary of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Stahr:

Thank you very much for your letter of 16 March inviting Mrs. Dulles and me to attend the pageant, "Prelude to Tape" to be held at Fort Myer at 8:30 p.m. on 6 April.

Much as we would like to join you, we have a previous engagement at that time and, therefore, must regretfully decline your kind invitation. However, your thoughtfulness in asking us to be with you is indeed appreciated.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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Allen W. Dulles
Director

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SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

MAR 16 1961

Dear Mr. Dulles:

It is with pleasure that I extend to you and your family an invitation to be my guests at Fort Myer, Virginia on April 6, 1961 for "Prelude to Taps," a colorful pageant featuring our military traditions from the Revolutionary War to the present modern Army.

"Prelude to Taps" is a resumption of a pre-World War II tradition which allowed the Army to dramatize its proud history and demonstrate its military skills during the winter months for the residents of the Washington area. The performance will be given by the 1st Battle Group, 3d Infantry (The Old Guard) and The United States Army Band, beginning at 8:30 P.M., at the North Area Gymnasium, Fort Myer. The program runs for approximately an hour and a half.

The 3d Infantry (The Old Guard), known as the "President's Own," has a distinguished history and is the oldest active regiment in the United States Army, dating back to 1784.

The April performance will be the fourth and last of the current winter season.

I would be greatly pleased if you and your family could be with us for this most interesting program. If you are able to join us, please so inform me prior to March 31 so that your tickets and parking permit will reach you in time.

Cordial regards.

Sincerely,

Elvis J. Stahr, Jr.
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